

Please add new claims 13-24, as follows:

- 13. The method of claim 2 further characterized in that the cleaning is carried out in the tank, air being extensively or entirely excluded.
14. The method of claim 2 further characterized in that CO₂ is directed into the highly pure oxygen flow which is supplied to the ozone generator in order to achieve a stable concentration behaviour of the ozone generator.
15. The method of claim 3 further characterized in that CO₂ is directed into the highly pure oxygen flow which is supplied to the ozone generator in order to achieve a stable concentration behaviour of the ozone generator.
16. The method of claim 3 further characterized in that the ozone is supplied to the contactor in counterflow to the DI water.
17. The method of claim 16 further characterized in that CO₂ is directed into the highly pure oxygen flow which is supplied to the ozone generator in order to achieve a stable concentration behaviour of the ozone generator.
18. The method of claim 4 further characterized in that CO₂ is directed into the highly pure oxygen flow which is supplied to the ozone generator in order to achieve a stable concentration behaviour of the ozone generator.
19. The device according to claim 8 further characterized in that the container is configured as an overflow tank with a collection device for the spent DI water.
20. The device according to claim 8 further characterized in that a part of the spent DI water is directed into the circulation via a filter and cleaning device.
21. The device according to claim 8 further characterized in that the container is sealed from the environment.
22. The device according to claim 9 further characterized in that a part of the spent DI water is directed into the circulation via a filter and cleaning device.